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Computer Cursive

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🔧 TOOLS:

- Adobe Photoshop (1)
  or other image-editing tool
- Computer (1)
- Printer (1)
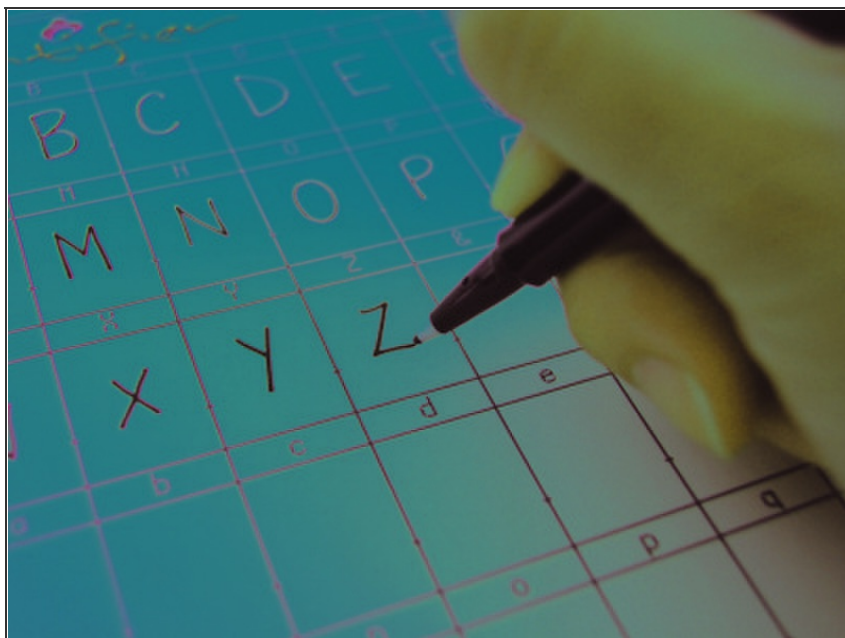- Scanner (1)

⚙ PARTS:

- Printer paper (1)
- Pen (1)

SUMMARY

Like most people these days, I spend way too much time typing on a keyboard rather than writing with a pen. But we are living in the digital world, right? Enter the Fontifier, where you can create a digital typeface from your own handwriting. For $9, you'll be able to add a personal touch to your digital photos and craft projects without lifting a pen. I'll be the first to admit my handwriting is no art form, like others I know, but it's mine with its own special curves and curls.

Step 1 — Print the template.

- Go to http://www.fontifier.com and print out the template.
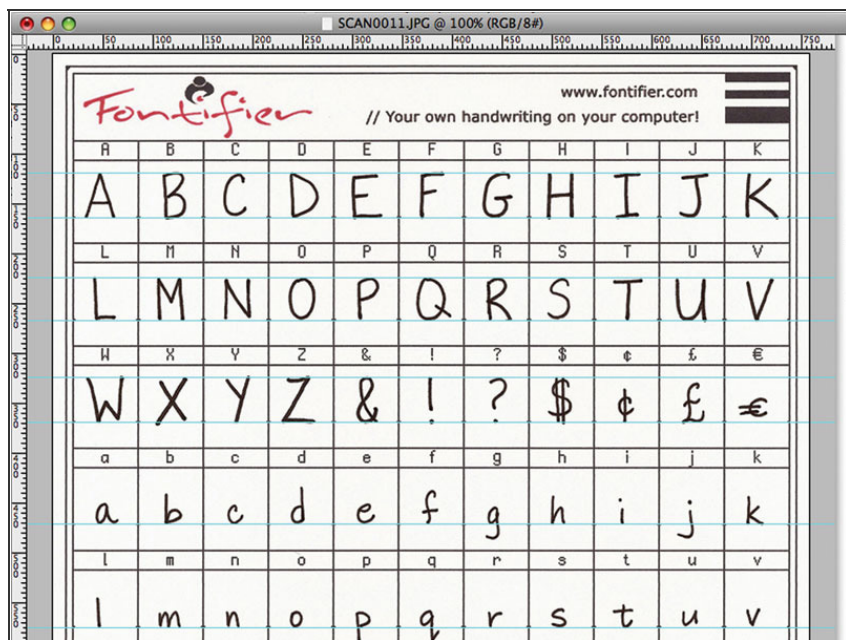
Step 2 — Start writing.

- Using a black felt-tip pen, fill in the letters or symbols in each box, making sure to give each letter breathing room on the sides. The little tick marks on the sides of each box should be considered the baseline for each letter.

- Remember, the thicker your pen is, the thicker your font weight will be. Using a pen that's too thin will result in a very lightweight font that could be hard to read.

Step 3 — Scan in the template.

- On the scanner, scan in the entire template, making sure to include the outer border.
- Save the graphic as a .gif, .jpeg, .png, or .tiff file at 72, 75, or 100dpi.

Step 4 — Make little fixes in Photoshop (optional).

- If your handwriting is like mine — characters aren't even or well aligned — you can do some modifying in Photoshop or use your preferred image-editing tool.

- Bring the scanned template into Photoshop and use the line rulers to match the baseline marks of each letter. Once you have those set, you can align each letter to the bottom of your line ruler, or scale a letter so that it looks even with the others.

Step 5 — Upload your template.

- Once you've got all the letters and symbols to your liking, upload your template to Fontifier. You'll be able to preview the font and a sample sentence to see if you like it before you purchase.

Step 6 — Name and preview your font.

Preview font

Preview of **Natalie's-Handwriting.ttf:**

The quick brown fox
jumps over a lazy dog.
ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ&
abcdefghi jklmnopqrstuvwxyz.,:;-'"
0123456789@()[]<>{}/\|+±*=¬~^#%`_

When you are happy with your preview, buy your font and download it for $9 US.

Please select your preferred secure payment method:

(Pay by Credit Card)   (Pay by PayPal)

- My font is named "Natalie's Handwriting." You'll also need to enter your full name in the box below it for copyright information for your font.

- Check to see if your characters are legible and well aligned. If you don't like this preview, tweak them some more and upload a new template.

Step 7 — Purchase and download.

ABCDEFGHIJKLM
NOPQRSTUVWXYZ

abcdefghijklm
nopqrstuvwxyz

0123456789

!@#$%^&*()_+:{}\?

- If the preview is to your liking, click the purchase button to pay by either credit card or PayPal.

- Immediately after purchasing, you can download your finished font! Install it in your computer's font folder and use it in your word and graphics programs, such as Word or Photoshop.

- If you're looking to create a whole font family with boldface and italic versions, it's an extra $9 for each of these. You may find it's more fun to make a variety of writing styles for your craft projects.

- Keep in mind that your font is a bitmap (not vector) version of your handwriting, so the edges may look jagged at larger font sizes. Use it for your digital photos, cards, or little notes. Play around and have fun with it!

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